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SUBJ: PIME MINISTER WILLIAMS RESHUFFLES AND REORGANISES
CABINET

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 2409

1. PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS PRESENTED HIS NEW AND SMALLER CABINET TO THE NATION ON SEPTEMBER 22 WITH A SPECIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST OF THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY. SEVEN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW CABINET ARE HOLD-OVERS FROM THE PREVIOUS CABINET, WITH SOME SWITCHING MINISTRIES, AND FOUR ARE NEW TO THE CABINET AND TO PARLIAMENT. IN THE PROCESS OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS FROM 17 TO 11, DR WILLIAMS GAVE SEVERAL MINISTERS TWO PORTFOLIOS AND ELIMINATED TWO MINISTRIES ENTIRELY - TOBAGO AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. HE RETAINED THE FINANCE PORTFOLIO HIMSELF AS WELL AS THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT IN THE MINISTRY IN WHICH HIS THREE PRINCIPAL DEPUTIES ARE ALSO FULL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

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2. THE NEW CABINET:

MINISTER OF FINANCE - DR ERIC WILLIAMS, PRIME MINISTER.

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINES - ERROL MAHABIR, PROBABLY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MINISTER WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AS WELL AS PETROLEUM AND MINES.

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE - OVERLAND PADMORE, PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE - MERVIN DESOUZA, AN INSURANCE ACTUARY.

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY - JOHN S DONALDSON, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER MOST RECENTLY ASSIGNED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA AND ALSO ACCREDITED TO SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LANDS AND FISHERIES - GEORGE CHAMBERS, PERENNIAL MINISTER WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS - SELWYN RICHARDSON, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE BAR WITH SERVICE IN THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE FORCE AND THE RAF.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE - DR CUTHBERT JOSEPH, PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

MINISTER OF HEALTH, AND MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - KAMALUDDIN MOHAMMED, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PNM WHO HAS BEEN IN THE CABINET FOR MOST OF THE PAST 20 YEARS.

MINISTER OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS - HECTOR MCCLEAN, ONE OF THE YOUNGER CABINET MEMBERS WHOSE PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO OF WORKS HAS BEEN EXPANDED.

MINISTER OF LABOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND COOPERATIVES - DESMOND CARTEY, A US UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WHO WAS FORMERLY UNCLASSIFIED

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3. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.
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